

THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Topics of General Interest in the New States and Elsewhere.

A RELIC OF PIONEER DAYS

The Calendar Which Early Settlers Used—Three Men Horribly Burned By An Explosion of Natural Gas.

Sheep shearing has begun in Walla Walla county. It is said that the yield of wool this year will be exceedingly heavy and of excellent quality, owing to the mildness of the past winter.

The first appearance of the Salvation Army on the streets of Port Townsend Wednesday night was greeted with a shower of rotten eggs. There is certainly a field for the labors of the army in that city.

The Oring Oracle says: George Fuller, a rancher near town, who has spent considerable time in trapping beaver, has taken 11 of them from the rivers near Oring during the past 10 days, and during the winter just ended has caught between here and Green River 127 of these valuable fur-bearing animals, besides several other and other animals about as valuable.

Large schools of black whales are frequently seen in Ship harbor and near the main wharves of Anacortes, says the Farmer, published at that place. The boys shoot them as they go spouting by. The balls from a rifle or navy repeater have no more effect upon these rollicking monsters than a flea bite upon a tough old buffalo or an African bull.

Mina Catrat, a 14-year-old girl, died at Spokane Friday of too much morphine and typhoid fever. Her father, Martin Catrat, is a Christian scientist, and when the girl fell sick he refused to resort to remedial agents, rebuffed the advice of friends and knelt and prayed by the sick girl's bed for heavenly succor until the girl died. A coroner's inquest was held, but the jury returned a verdict that it was unable to assign the cause of death.

The Astorian says that over \$3,000 has been expended lately in the vicinity of the Cascades in making the fish wheels there more murderous than before. The salmon naturally seeks an eddy or back current to get ready for a dash forward, and dams have been contrived, cut out of rock and piled so as to lead the fish toward the cruel wheel that lifts them to death.

Work on the well which is to supply the town of Garfield with water is progressing favorably. The well is situated on a hill about 200 feet above the level of the town, and a tremendous pressure will be at work. The well is already over 50 feet in depth, and work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. With its completion the citizens of Garfield will feel secure against the ravages of fire, to which they are now exposed, in addition to the satisfaction they will feel in being supplied with pure water.

James Quinlan, a locomotive engineer John Lane and M. J. Ferry, brakemen, were seriously injured last night by an explosion of natural gas at the Fairhaven coal mine. The three men entered a tunnel at the mine with lighted candles, and when in 1,000 feet the gas ignited and exploded with a loud noise. The men were picked up in an insensible condition, and brought to St. Joseph's hospital, where their injuries were dressed. It is impossible to determine whether the injuries will prove fatal. All three were horribly burned about the face and hands.

Last Saturday P. G. Hegner, while fishing off the Blaine wharf, captured a halibut weighing 75 pounds. The Journal says: It is said that two of Blaine's prominent citizens paid him for the privilege of carrying the big fish up town on a pole, and the sight of the monster caused quite an excitement among the gentlemen of leisure in the city. Hale Smith and Jerry Merrell soon after caught a 50 pound halibut near the same place, and now the war is the scene of great activity, sprinkled with those who desire to change their luck. The people of Blaine do not have to go a thousand miles for fish. The above big fish mentioned are only two of the large number which have been caught in front of Blaine in the past few days.

While digging in the yard near the house where his parents reside on the Gulick farm, in the vicinity of Crockett's lake, last Sunday, says the Press-Times, Master Roy Putnam brought to light what is probably a relic of pioneer days on Whidby island. The article in question is about the size of a \$20 gold piece, and is made of brass or some other composition, and gilded. It is well-preserved, and bears upon the obverse side the following: "Calendar for 1853, issued semi-annually, J. B. Hyde, 163 Fulton street, N. Y., publisher." The above is stamped on the outside of the coin. The face contains a calendar of the first six months of the year, in tabular form. The reverse side contains the following: "Entered according to act of congress in the year 1851, by J. B. Hyde, in the clerk's office of the district court of the southern district of New York." Then the last six months of the year 1853, as on the obverse side. The reporter has shown the piece to Mr. Thomas Cranney and several other pioneers, but none of them have any recollection of seeing the like before. It is probable that these "calendars" were struck for the use of hunters and trappers who could not carry an almanac or any perishable means of keeping track of the days and months into this then trackless region. They would also serve the purpose of trappers for the Indians, as their bright appearance would cause them to be eagerly sought after by the dusky children of the forest, and were no doubt brought here by the employees of the Hudson Bay company.

Realism vs. Romance.

From the Boston Transcript.

She (of the Romantic School)—Now once more I heard the song of the dear little robin red breast, and again his little footsteps lightly print the ground.

He (of the Realistic School)—Now once more I heard the loud, impatient voice of that red robin, in his Italian organ song at 4 o'clock in the morning, making sleep impossible; and now again he may be seen straddling to pull from his hole the unwilling anguished worm, which he swallows disgustingly to swell his protruding crop.

Unhappy Sympathy.

From the New York Sun.

"Waiter, I've been here a full hour," said Chapple, impatiently.

"I've been here since 7 a. m.," returned the waiter. "It's tiresome, isn't it?"

KENO AT THE CAPITAL.

A Month's Crip in the shadow of Washington Monument.

Washington city, which was in the ante-bellum days and for some years after the war one of the greatest gambling centers in America, is today without a single gambling place, says a special to the Pittsburg Dispatch. That is to say, there are no longer public places where men can go to back the tiger, play stud horse poker, keno, rouge et noir and other games of chance. Of course, a good deal of draw poker is played by the politicians, but it is conducted quietly in private houses or social clubs. There is nothing like the old luxurious gambling establishment which was run by Pendleton, who, I believe, was a distant relative of the late senator from Ohio. At Pendleton's place on the avenue, which is always pointed out to strangers, high stakes were the rule and many of the most conspicuous men of that day were regular worshippers at the shrine of the game. There had Stevens, Henry Clay, Bob Toombs and others were there almost nightly. Stories of the high play that was indulged in are related by the score by the old-timers. They tell of a famous game once between Thad Stevens and George D. Prentice, the predecessor of the star-eyed Watterson. It was poker, and backward and forward the "raises" had been going on until finally Prentice, whose cash had exhausted, negotiated the sale of several negroes whom he owned to continue. Finally Stevens, who held four kings, told Prentice that he had been beaten, and requested him to allow the hands to be shown, or, as the gamblers put it, to "call" him. To that Prentice, who had four aces (this was the day of the sequenace flush), responded: "I never call you. I'll was Jupiter, and stars were chips, I would darken the heavens with this hand."

The only vestige of public gaming remaining has been banished to the soil of the Old Dominion across the Potomac river and out of reach of the laws of the District of Columbia. Think of it. The mother of presidents nursing in her bosom the vice of gambling after it had been scourged out of Washington! And it is keno, the lowest kind of gaming, that which appeals to the poorer class of the population who have only a few dollars to risk. They call the place where these keno games are conducted Monte Carlo. It consists of two large frame houses on the opposite side of the river from Washington where every afternoon and evening from 200 to 400 people are crowded about the long tables "pogging" away at their cards as the manipulator of the wheel calls out the number. Only 10 cents can be risked on a card with the chance of winning from \$10 to \$15 according to the number who are in the game. It is in reality a pool, to which each player contributes 10 cents and which the successful person wins, less the percentage of 10 per cent extracted by the dealer or whatever the person who manipulates the game is called. In these hot rooms, choked with tobacco smoke and alcoholic fumes, the young Virginia farmers, some of them, perhaps, the descendants of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, squander their small earnings under the shadow of the Washington monument. Little steam ferry boats ply between Georgetown and Monte Carlo every 15 minutes to accommodate the Washington and Georgetown customers. The games are seldom disturbed. Occasionally a posse of Virginia constables come down out of the hills, confiscate the paraphernalia and fine the proprietors. But not often. The proprietors are willing to pay liberally to avoid being disturbed.

Cornered Brandy.

A scheme to corner all the brandy in the West, unearthed at San Francisco, has created quite a discussion among the manufacturers. Most of the latter, by personal experience, knew of the existence of the youthful trust for many months. In the interim it has assumed serious proportions.

The market is heavily stocked with wine and prices are unusually low. On the other hand, the bonded warehouses are loaded down with brandy, only a small fraction of which has been sold.

It was stated by a well known manufacturer that there are at least 5,000,000 gallons of wine unsold, representing a surplus, which in the crowded condition of the market could be disposed with easily by having the product converted into 1,000,000 gallons of brandy.

It was ascertained that the Cucamonga wine company in San Bernardino county will produce much more brandy than was at first supposed. This company is at the head of the movement to control the great eastern market. The "combine" has a broker in that city who is buying up brandy as fast as he can secure it. In some instances as high as 60 cents a gallon has been paid, although the nominal price ranges from 47 to 50 cents. The cellars in the city and country are filled, and it is expected that a collapse takes place every time the combine is mentioned.

The independent manufacturers refuse to budge an inch from their position. While they might benefit by the combine in price, they refuse to join the combine, and will market their own product.

Art Criticism in Chicago.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The tall young man carefully adjusted his eyeglass, thrust his left thumb in the arm hole of his vest, threw his weight on his left leg, poised his head on one side, and examined with his rattle at the picture directly opposite.

"I can't find any number on it," he said, "and I don't suppose it's in the catalogue, anyhow. Horrible daub isn't it? It has no perspective, no chiaroscuro, and it's all out of drawing. There is no tone about it. The values are altogether wanting, there is a total absence of technique in the treatment, and the fellow that painted it seems to have no idea about composition. He doesn't know that every picture ought to have a center of light and—Say, Mr. Wardle, who is the house painter that smeared that piece of canvass?" inquired the tall young man, abruptly addressing a member of the hanging committee.

"A fellow they call Bouguereau," said Mr. Wardle, passing on.

Murderer Escaped.

John, alias Bob Fisher, sentenced by Judge Allen at Denver to eight years' imprisonment for killing Thomas Buckner at a negro dance at Ellyria last September, is a fugitive from justice. An hour after being sentenced, in company with Deputy Sheriff Reems, he was allowed to visit the Golden Grape saloon, at Twelfth and Market streets, where Reems filled up with liquor. Soon after the prisoner persuaded the deputy to allow him to visit Jennie, his wife, residing at No. 1213 Market street. Reems is said to have been very much intoxicated when he reached the woman's abode. Here he allowed Fisher, unhandcuffed, to retire to a room with his wife. Becoming impatient at the delay, the careless deputy called out to Fisher to hurry. Receiving no reply, he investigated and found the prisoner had escaped. He took with him about \$200, with which his wife had provided him.

The alarm was quickly given, and

every available man in the sheriff's office was started out after Fisher.

The negro was easily located, having for some hours been hiding in a barn kept by Henry Jank, a colored man and a friend of Fisher. By a peculiar whistle he gave the prisoner the signal that the officers were on his track and Fisher took the most desperate means to escape. In full view of the officers he and his brother jumped out of the stable window, followed by a volley of shots from the deputies. The fleeing prisoner returned the fire, and aided by the darkness, escaped despite the fact that seven deputies were in the immediate vicinity. His wife and Reems were locked up. The deputy will be tried on the charge of abetting in Fisher's escape.

The Rod Freely Used.

San Francisco's board of education will meet in special session to give Principal Joseph O'Connor an opportunity to explain why, and to what extent he thrashed one of his pupils in the Valencia grammar school on Friday morning.

The pupil in question is Chester Kinnaman, aged 12 years, and according to the statement of his mother and other relatives, he was most cruelly beaten, his body being one mass of bruises. Even his face did not escape, one eye being partially closed by a blow from a rattle, while another stroke cut his lip badly, and other discoloredations and bruises were produced, as the boy states, by blows from the principal's fists.

The boy remained away from school for three days, and on returning failed to bring with him the result of certain work in arithmetic which he was supposed to have done at home. The omission, he states, was the cause of his punishment. Principal O'Connor jerked him violently from his place in line with his fellow pupils, dragging him away to his office and then beating him.

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